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- 5. The Defendant would prefer to retain the firm and attorney he has identified, which is considering accepting the matter.
- 6. The Defendant believes that the matter may be resolved by the end of the month of December.

For the foregoing reasons, undersigned counsel respectfully provides the above notice and requests that this Honorable Court allow additional time for Mr. Moore to hire replacement counsel, and to permit the Defense to provide an additional update to the Court by January 4, 2024.

Dated: December 21, 2023

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE 1 2 I certify that on December 21, 2023, I electronically filed the foregoing 3 DEFENDANT RICHARD E. MOORE'S NOTICE RELATED TO NEW COUNSEL with the 4 Clerk of the United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia by way of the CM/ECF 5 system, which automatically will serve this document on the attorneys of record for the parties in 7 this case by electronic mail as follows: 8 William M. Montague 9 Trial Attorney 10 U.S. Department of Justice, Tax Division 150 M Street, N.E. 11 Constitution Square, Mail Stop: 1.1505 12 Washington, D.C. 20002 Ph: (202) 616-2386 13 Email: william.m.montague@usdoj.gov 14 Matthew C. Hicks 15 Trial Attorney U.S. Department of Justice, Tax Division 16 150 M Street, N.E. 17 4 Constitution Square, Mail Stop: 1.1313 Washington, D.C. 20002 18 Telephone: (202) 616-2412 19 Email: matthew.c.hicks@usdoj.gov 20 /s/ Amina Matheny-Willard, Esq. 21 Amina Matheny-Willard VSB #43566 22 Amina Matheny-Willard, PLLC 23 999 Waterside Drive, Suites 2525 Norfolk, Virginia 23510 24 T: 757-777-3441; F: 757.282.7808 25 Email: amina@aminalaw.com 26 27 28